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News Briefs

By Kyle Kamischke

Apple reveals new movie store, iPods

At a press conference on Tuesday, Apple Computer announced that customers can now purchase full-length Disney movies via its iTunes online music store. Apple plans to add feature films from other studios in the near future. At the same event, Apple announced updates to every member of its top-selling iPod family. New iPods feature a screen that is 60% brighter and a capacity of 80 GB. The iPod Nano was also updated with a brand new look and data storage increase. The Nano now resembles a shrunken version of the retired iPod Mini, comes in five different colors and can hold up to 8 GB worth of songs. The iPod Shuffle also received an update. The Shuffle, now the world's smallest portable music device, is about the size of a quarter and can still hold up to 1 GB worth of songs.

Facebook to open to everyone

The social-networking site Facebook is planning on opening up member registration to anyone with an internet connection. Originally planning to open registration later this week, Facebook instead decided to delay the event due to a member revolt over recent feature additions to the site. Facebook originated as a Harvard-only networking site and expanded rapidly to allow other universities to join. Facebook now is available in some high schools and corporations. Facebook has remained popular because users have a feeling of exclusivity, in contrast to other social-networking sites like Myspace. Facebook says that every time the network has been opened to a broader user-base, current users initially respond negatively but then adapt to the changes. They hope this change will be met with the same response.

Wikipedia refuses Chinese censorship

Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales has said the online encyclopedia, famous for its open-source content that is editable by anyone with an internet connection, will not give in to Chinese pressure to censor their website. The Chinese government has subsequently banned the use of Wikipedia. Wales is unsure why the website has been banned because internal Wikipedia policy prevents personal attacks and encourages neutrality in the articles, which prevents Wikipedia from becoming a haven for protestors or dissidents. He is scheduled to meet with Chinese officials in order to persuade them to unblock the site, which contains over 1.3 million articles.



Fred Webber
Staff Writer

Monday, September 11, President Jakubowski allowed the Rose Thorn writers to come and interview him. Jakubowski talked about things such as what it's like to be here at Rose-Hulman, how we'll determine the future of Rose-Hulman, his duties as president, and more. For the complete transcript go to www.rose-hulman.edu/thorn. Here are some excerpts from the transcript: **Thorn: So why did you want to come to Rose-Hulman?** Jakubowski: Well, jeez, who the heck would not want to be the President of Rose-Hulman? Rose-Hulman is such a fantastic institution. Rose-Hulman has been on my radar screen for over 30 years. I first became acquainted with Rose-Hulman through Triangle fraternity, I came to do a chapter visitation, do some consultation, do some workshops, so I came here to see the campus and was very impressed with what I saw. In the past 30 years, I've had

the opportunity to work with faculty, staff, and students, so I've always been very impressed with Rose-Hulman. So when I was nominated for this position, immediately I thought jeez, what an opportunity, and I consider this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. So I'm very honored to have been selected, and I'm very happy just to be here. **Thorn: Aside from your professional career, tell us about yourself. What are your hobbies, what do you do during your spare time?** Jakubowski: You know, I'll tell you, I'm just a normal guy, I really am. I don't put myself on a pedestal and I might have the title of president, but I'm really pretty down to earth. I'll tell you some things I really enjoy doing. One of my big hobbies is woodworking. I really, really enjoy woodworking, I enjoy bicycle riding, I enjoy traveling, I enjoy gardening and cooking, I especially like cooking, and so the challenge that I have as president is finding the time to do any of those things. ...

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Joseph Barlan / Rose Thorn
President Jakubowski, the new president of Rose-Hulman, takes a moment to discuss his plans for the future of Rose-Hulman.

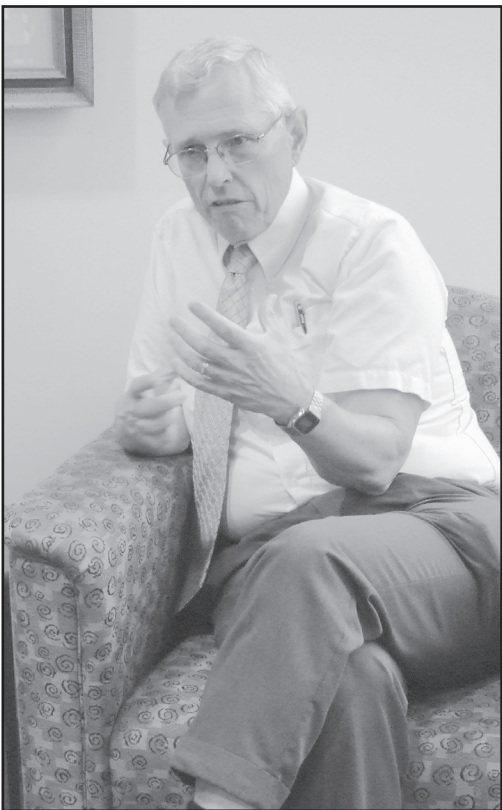
Mason named VP of Development

Chris Casillas
Staff Writer

Thomas Mason, Department Head of Masters of Science in Engineering Management and Professor of Economics, has been appointed to the position of Vice-President of Development. The Rose Thorn recently sat down with him to ask of the details of his position. The development office is involved with finding financial resources for the students and the school, and Mason, as the new vice president, is in charge of overseeing the department. Mason believes his position will benefit students since his goals are to bring in more financial aid, facilities and services for the students. He described his new position as very stimulating and enjoyable. "Alumni, friends, and corporations need to be informed of the good things at Rose, the needs we have, and the ways to help meet those needs," explained Mason. He mentioned that the financial requirements of the school require many resources, including endowments, which generate income for scholarships and other expenses. The school also receives gifts for fa-

cilities and donations from alumni, such as Hatfield Hall, which was a gift from Michael and Deborah Hatfield. Other vice-presidents suggested Mason would make a good interim vice-president while the search committee continued looking for someone to fill the permanent position. On his feelings towards the new president, he wants to "help him start taking the campus to the next level. Make it easier for [Jakubowski] to do his job in leading [Rose] to a new area of excellence." Asking how he felt about having the vice-president position as well being a professor, he said that it is very difficult and he has to juggle priorities everyday. He feels that the biggest problem is that he is not readily accessible to the students, but he suggests being persistent to get into contact. He showed a strong appreciation for the Rose campus and everything the school provides for the students. "[I like the] consistent focus on the personal development of everybody connected here, especially students." He likes the community of faculty and staff that are concerned about one another.

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Albert Mui / Rose Thorn
Thomas Mason, the new Vice President of Development, discusses his new position and the goals he has for Rose-Hulman.

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Upcoming
community events

					Friday	Saturday
					September 15	16
					*Career Services' Senior Seminar, 3:30 p.m., PA Room *CSSE: Tori Bowman of Rockwell Collins, 4:20 p.m., O167 *Cycling Club Movie Night, "Spaced Out" and "Sentenced to Life", 6:30 p.m., E104	*Terre Haute Air Fair, 10:00 a.m., TH Airport *Women's/Men's soccer games, 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., Jim Rendel field *IM Golf scramble tournament *Football game, 1:30 p.m., Cook Stadium
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Jakubowski, from Page 1

Thorn: How will you handle conflict if one of your propositions is met with conflict by the faculty, staff, or students?

Jakubowski: Basically, there's always an area of compromise, I think the thing that needs to be done is you need to bring people to consensus. And when you talk about consensus, it isn't necessary that you have unanimous – what am I looking for – unanimous support, consensus is everybody, the majority of the people can live with it. The key here is not to look for unanimous support, but the important thing is to bring people to consensus.

Thorn: Groups like Homework Hotline help spread Rose-Hulman's name. Do you have any additional measures or ideas which could help increase the layman's awareness of Rose-Hulman?

Jakubowski: The best way to increase the Rose-Hulman name is for faculty to get out to conferences, professional conferences, present papers, to be involved in the various professional societies. What we need to do is also to send students to various conferences, including undergraduate research conferences, getting students to participate in the various collegiate competitions, like the Challenge X competition, the SAE Mini Baja competition, the SAE Formula competition, so there's a whole range, wide range of student competitions that I think all of our students need to be involved with. And it's just important that our faculty, our staff and our students are seen nationally, and even internationally, we need to, by our people getting off campus and by attending various activities and events, that's how you get the name Rose-Hulman out there.

Thorn: I guess by doing this, you're not suggesting, necessarily, like at the conferences, or whatever presenting massive research, so much as conferences that are like professional development or...?

Jakubowski: No, absolutely. It could be research, but the, there's a lot of other things that faculty and students could present, professional, ideas on professional development.

Thorn: What do you think about the tie with Harvey-Mudd, for first, according to the US News and World Report?

Jakubowski: Well Harvey-Mudd is an excellent institution. I've visited their campus on numerous occasions. I lived right there in Los Angeles. I used to visit the campus and meet with the students and several faculty members there, and so I think it's good news that we're in good company,

and I don't think that there's anything for us to be ashamed about, that we're tied. I think we should look at this positively, this is great. Harvey Mudd is a great institution, so we're in great company there.

Thorn: So all this aside, what are your responsibilities as president? ...

Jakubowski: Here at Rose-Hulman, I think the president needs to be visible to the students, needs to be seen with the students, to participate with the students as much as possible. But also to work with faculty, to be seen by the faculty and the staff, to make sure that Rose-Hulman continues to be a community, a family. And, so, in addition to all of that, I think it's important for the president to raise funds for the institute, and so in order to do that, it's going to be necessary for me to spend time off campus meeting with alumni, meeting with companies and corporations and industry, to do a lot of fundraising for the institute. So, one of the things is you cannot, you cannot raise funds by staying on campus. And so, there's – my job as president, you have that very delicate balance between being visible on campus but also spending time off campus to raise funds for the institute. ... And one of the things I had mentioned before that door is always open, and anybody can stop and see me at any time, whether it's students, faculty or staff, the door's open, and if the door's open, and if I don't have an appointment, I will drop whatever I'm doing to meet with whoever stops by, and it doesn't have to be related to school, if people just want to stop by and chat and talk about the weather, or whatever, I'm available. ...

Thorn: So, speaking of community spirit, at the open forum last year, you said there would be lots of parties. When are the next few?

Jakubowski: ... I'm hoping to have a get-together with the faculty and staff, and perhaps some time in April, try to plan some kind of an activity for the students... The other thing that's going on is that we have, Lynn and I have invited several groups of people into our house, and so those people are going to be visiting with us. ... So we've invited the [Student Government] Executive Committee to our house, or at least will be inviting them to our house, we're going to be inviting the presidents of the greek fraternities to our house, so yeah, we have several things already planned, and there are other things in the works as well. I think it's, parties and get-togethers are very important, I think it helps promote this whole spirit of family and community.



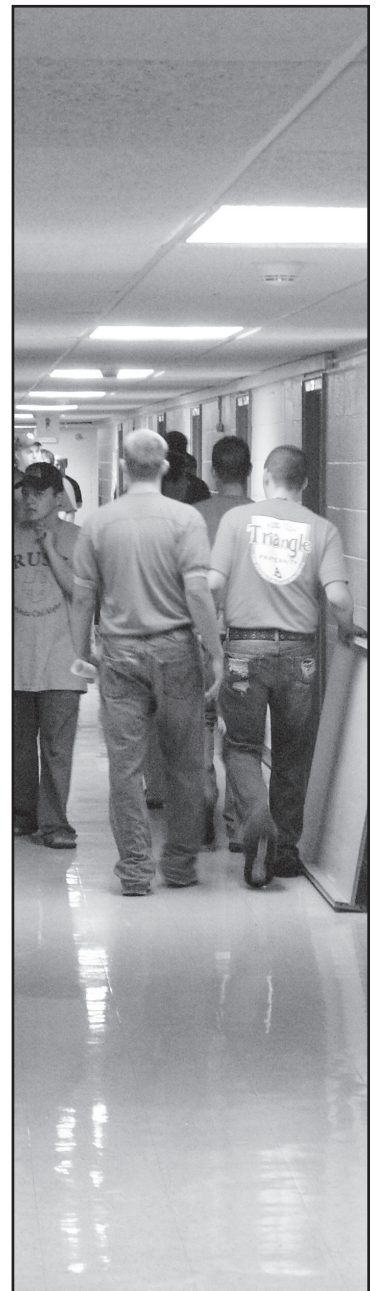
Albert Mui / Rose Thorn

Torrential downpour on Tuesday forced the National Weather Service to issue a flash-flood warning for Vigo County and the surrounding area. The effect of the rain was felt most clearly in Hadley Circle, where the water nearly crested into nearby Hadley Hall.



Christina Davis / Rose Thorn

Kevin Chan, a junior mechanical engineering major, fills out a form to request more information from the University of Tulsa.



Andrew Carlson / Rose Thorn

Men from Triangle Fraternity march through BSB at the start of men's rush on Monday.

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Mason from page 1

"The second is emphasis on excellence," commenting on an additional aspect he likes about Rose. He explains that this encourages students to keep striving for high goals. Mason's mission is to "get all graduates to think like entrepreneurs." He feels that the roles he has been in can be used in classes, and to emphasize points for students to learn which helps motivate them.

Mason has been an economics professor since he graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1972 with a Ph.D. in economics. Over the last 34 years of service to the Rose community, Mason has been the department head of humanities for

eight years and the vice-president of administration for nine years. He is one of the founders of Rose-Hulman Ventures and he developed the engineering management department, where he currently is the department head.

In his free time, Mason enjoys walking everyday and is an automotive enthusiast. He especially likes automobile racing, especially the Indy 500 and the Brickyard. He takes a strong interest in the technology of the Grand Prix, since a lot of it is developed by Engineers. In addition, when he can find free time, he enjoys reading everything from non-fiction to fiction, as well as three daily newspapers and magazines.

Out in Theaters

Gridiron Gang
Starring The Rock
Directed by Phil Joanou

The Black Dahlia
Starring Scarlett Johansson
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Directed by Brian De Palma

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Starring Zach Braff
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2nd Season

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\$8.85 M
2. *Hollywoodland*
\$5.93 M
3. *Invincible*
\$5.63 M
4. *The Protector*
\$5.03 M
5. *Crank*
\$4.9 M

Cookie Mountain good enough for me

Mike Jones
Entertainment Editor Emeritus

My review for this album feels a bit like an addendum. A leaked and “wildly unconfirmed” version hit the internet way back in February of this year. The leaked version quickly generated acclaim through the internet, gaining a reputation as one of the best albums of 2006 even before its release. Despite months of hype, TV on the Radio’s second full length album, *Return to Cookie Mountain*, has just hit US soil this week.

For those that had heard and loved *Cookie Mountain*, the official tracklist revealed that the unconfirmed leak actually contained the entire album. So if you’ve been listening, don’t expect something entirely new. But there is incentive to pick up a copy. For one thing, there are three bonus tracks added to the US version of the album. More importantly, the additional mixing and mastering that took place between the leak and the official release makes *Cookie Mountain* sound like a finished product. The songs sound cleaner and now seamlessly come together with small interludes. As would be expected, it just sounds better on the final product.

For those that haven’t heard it, I feel obligated to implore you to listen. It would be a crime to skip the vibrant lead single “Wolf Like Me.” As the most fist-pumping song on the album, it combines fast-drums with multiple lay-



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TV on the Radio’s newest album, *Return to Cookie Mountain*, features a mix of straightforward and challenging songwriting that blows away TVotR’s first album and makes *Cookie Mountain* a potential classic.

ers of synthesizers and guitars. It sounds utterly stimulating. Even the lyrics provoke images of elation — “My mind has changed my body’s frame, but god I like it.” By the time the breakdown started, I was totally awestruck, and it only improves from there.

The decision not to open *Return to Cookie Mountain* with “Wolf Like Me” still seems a bit odd to me, but TV on the Radio chose the second best option. “I Was a Lover” is the only song on the album to rely primarily on samples and a drum machine, so past fans might expect it to resemble the band’s previous work. However, it is unlike any song I can recall. The brass sample is addicting to say the least, and the piano bridge

comes out of nowhere. Vocalist Tunde Adebimpe quickly asserts himself as one of the most dynamic singers around, if not the most. He switches from falsetto to baritone effortlessly within the first 20 seconds of the song. The vocal contributions of Kyp Malone shouldn’t be understated either. His falsetto backup can seem unreal from time to time.

The remaining tracks on *Return to Cookie Mountain* are just as impressive. A few take a relatively typical approach. “Dirty-whirl” combines the imagery of a beautiful woman with the power of a hurricane, and is probably the most straightforward of all. Other songs are much more challenging, though. “Let the Devil In” sounds more like Liars than TV

on the Radio with its emphasis on percussion in place of a hook. Near the end of the album, “Tonight” is content to let the mood simmer with its reverb and even some whistling toward the close.

It’s this push and pull between straightforward and challenging songwriting that I think gives *Return to Cookie Mountain* its long legs. It only gets better as it ages, and those are the kind of albums that become classics. This album doesn’t just equal their Shortlist-winning *Desperate Youths*, *Blood-thirsty Babes*—it completely blows it away. It’s the sound of a band coming together and creating something never heard before, something exciting, something nearly flawless. It’s the sound of triumph. That’s a beautiful sound.

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Members of SGA

Are you wondering who your Student Government Association representative is and don't know how to find out? Here is a list of the current members of SGA:

Executive Committee:
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Senate Update

By: Rachel Howser

The Student Government Association held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 12th. The keynote speaker of the meeting was our president, Dr. Jerry Jakubowski. Dr. Jakubowski had many positive things to say about his experiences thus far at Rose. He is very enthusiastic about meeting all of the faculty, staff and students, and is encouraging an open door policy so that any student may come talk to him if he is available. SGA’s current budget is \$234,185.08, leaving \$58,699.76 in the general fund. If anyone is curious about SGA’s funding policies, he or she may explore the policies on the SGA website. Senior Class President Ben Braun asked that SGA investigate the parking problems behind the Myers Building. The only discussion focused on SGA sponsored events for the upcoming year. Many ideas were brought up, including engineering competitions, off campus events, a spirit week competition during homecoming, community service projects, and a seminar on more effective communication. If you have an idea for an SGA sponsored event, e-mail Rachel Howser at howserrn@rose-hulman.edu.

New Senate Ready to

Serve

By: Eric Volz

With the academic year off to a roaring start, so too was the rush to fill this year’s Student Government Association with new senators. In fact, even before the freshmen finished orientation, they each had an invitation to run for an SGA position waiting in the campus mailbox. However, just over one week, countless signatures, and some unforgettable campaigning later, SGA now stands as one complete unit, ready to serve the student body. From each district, which is roughly every student’s residence hall or Greek affiliation, every member of campus is represented at our Bi-weekly SGA meetings. As such, every student should feel free to contact their senator or class president with comments, questions, or ideas in regards to what can make this school #1 for you as an individual. Also, to all those who participated in the election, thank you for your interest, no matter the result. You can feel certain that your ambition to serve your school was much appreciated. To the entire Rose community, make this year a great one and don’t be afraid to go out and get involved!

The Student Government Association of Rose-Hulman

Club Connection
Cycling Club

By: Elliot Goodman

RHIT Cycling Club announces a double feature! Free food and drink! We will be showing two films this Friday, September 15th, 2006, starting at 6:30 pm in E104. The films are *Spaced Out* – a mountain/trials unicycle film, featuring some amazing footage filmed all across North America, *AND Sentenced to Life* – a BMX film, featuring incredible footage from the USA, Canada, and Australia. Trailers for the films are available at: <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~goodmaei/trailers>. Even if you’ve never ridden a unicycle or tried BMX riding, these films are still a lot of fun to watch – every movement is performed with mind-blowing precision, grace, and each rider’s personal style. The RHIT Cycling Club is open to everyone on campus, so come on out, watch some wicked sweet films, and grab some free food and snacks. Email goodmaei@rose-hulman.edu with any questions.

Activities Fair

By: Emily Albert

On Wednesday, August 30th, over 50 student organizations set up for the annual Activities Fair. Most of the SGA clubs were in attendance to showcase their interests and activities. Many new and old students attended and were able to sign up for clubs that interested them. Most clubs were able to gain at least 10 to 20 new members. Even though the event was crowded, it was a major success!

Upcoming Events

September 20—Tailgating for Women’s Tennis, 5:30 pm

September 26—SGA Meeting, 5:30 pm, GM Room

October 10—SGA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Kahn Room

If you would like your clubs events to be publicized here, contact Rachel Howser at howserrn@rose-hulman.edu

Sam and Max release date announced

Gregory Weir
Flipside Editor

Last week, Telltale Games announced that *Sam & Max: Episode 1* will be released on GameTap on October 17. The first installment of the long-awaited episodic adventure game will be available for purchase on their website for non-GameTap subscribers on November 1.

The titular characters, Sam and Max, are an anthropomorphic dog detective and a “hyperkinetic rabbit” thing created by Steve Purcell in 1987. They starred in a renowned LucasArts adventure game called *Sam & Max Hit the Road* which is remembered with humor and nostalgia by its players.



In 2002, a sequel to the original was announced: *Sam & Max Freelance Police*. Two years later, just before the expected ramp-up to release, the game was canceled. Fans everywhere cried themselves to sleep.

Telltale Games picked up the license in late 2005. The new title will be a traditional 2D point-and-click adventure game, and the first season will be released in six almost-monthly episodes on Turner Broadcasting System’s GameTap service. GameTap is offered for a flat monthly fee of \$9.95. Each episode will be released to the general public 15 days after its release on GameTap. Previous episodic Telltale Games have cost \$12.99 per episode.

Stella gets groovy

Fernando Ramos
The Daily Aztec
(San Diego State U.)

The sitcom “Stella,” which aired 10 episodes in the summer of 2005 on Comedy Central, stands apart from other comedies. Known for its blend of dramatic, “American Beauty”-style cinematography and outrageously childish antics, the show’s look was intended to be different from the start.

David Wain, a co-creator of the show who stars in it as well, said he intended to grab the audience’s attention by having the three main characters wear suits all the time.

“If we’re dressed in suits in this sharp, dramatic-looking environment, and we (act) like stupid dorks, (I thought) it might be kinda funny,” said Wain, whose show was released on DVD today.

“Kinda” may be an understatement in the case of the trio, which includes Wain’s longtime college friends Michael Showalter and Michael Ian Black.

Having already attained a sizable cult following with its stand-up show and a collection of short films released on www.collegiumhumor.com, the trio has proven to be a winning formula.

Considering that the cast wasn’t afraid to go to extremes to get laughs during the original shorts, it comes as a surprise that cleaning up the show’s act for Comedy Central wasn’t a major challenge to Wain.

“(Toning down content) actually was something we relished because we felt that (when) we did those shorts, we went as far as we could go humping dildos, necrophilia, et cetera,” Wain said. “We were kind of ready to do something different anyway.”

That’s not to say that “Stella” lacks inspired zaniness.

The first episode features the three getting evicted from their apartment after their neighbors became fed up with their non-

stop partying. The plot leads them to hatch various schemes to find a new home: Going homeless, performing a dance routine with skunk tails for the chance of entering one of New York’s most elite apartments, and performing open-heart surgery on their landlord.

Needless to say, each 25-minute episode is a briskly-paced ball of energy.

The episodes’ production had a pace to match. Wain directed the movie “Wet Hot American Summer,” and he compared the film’s production processes to the sitcom.

“Obviously, doing a series was grueling and difficult,” Wain said. “We were constantly writing, directing, editing, shooting and casting all at the same time. Film is more like, first we have a script, then we shoot, then we edit. But, personally, I enjoy doing both.”

With no sarcasm whatsoever, he attributes the success of such a hectic process to the chemistry between the three.

“Showalter and Black are just work-for-hire,” Wain said. “In fact, I’m actually playing everybody on set, and they digitally apply their faces in post-production. ... No really, (‘Stella’) is like a three-headed beast. We’re always sharing ideas.”

In an unfortunate turn of events for the cast and the show’s followers, the group posted a message on its Web site on March 8 that said Comedy Central decided not to air the show for a second season. Still, Wain remains unshaken.

“There is definitely a future for ‘Stella’ as a whole,” he said, referring to stand-up potential.

The fact that Comedy Central has chosen to label the upcoming DVD release as “Season One” gives hope for a future in television, which Wain doesn’t seem to be resisting.

“It seems that (Comedy Central) has left the window open for a ‘Family Guy’-like situation.”



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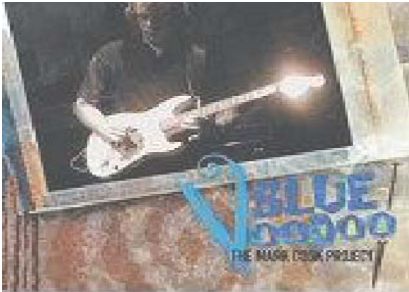
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Facebook. Argh.



Here's
your new
opinion

Aaron Meles
Opinions Editor

Okay, so most of the time I try to write about pressing school, state, national, or international issues. These articles are usually full of facts, logic, and immaculate arguments, and I hope that you read them so that you can hear one side of an argument and think deeply about what you believe on the subject and formulate your own opinion.

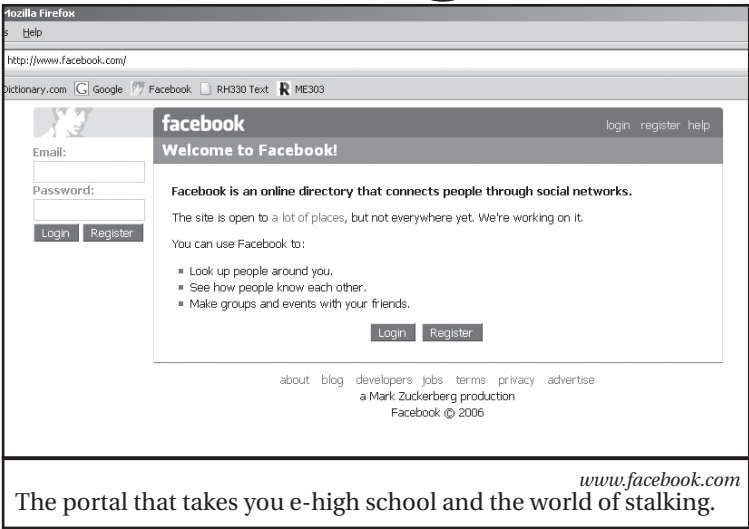
However, every once in a while I just have to get something that has been bugging me off my chest, and the editorials that spawn from that are usually a little bit more sparse when it comes to the fact and logic areas. Fortunately for you, the reader, this means that you get to be mildly

entertained by my rants on what should be matters of little importance. So, without further adieu, here I go (tune in next week for more persuasive and relevant commentary):

Is anyone else sick of all this drama on Facebook? Good grief, it's like being in high school all over again: people hooking up, breaking up, bragging about how awesome they are, complaining about how awful their life is, joining cliques, abusing instant messages as a viable method of communication, and competing for who has the best social life as a function of the sheer volume of people willing to click a button that admits they know you.

My personal favorite, though, has just cropped up recently: the concept of Facebook privacy. They just added that "news feed" thing a week ago and it created such a spike in whining and group-forming that it would make an emo club jealous.

Everyone was so concerned about how close to "stalking" the news feed was. Well, I've got



The portal that takes you e-high school and the world of stalking.

news for you: if you don't want to be stalked, why are you posting yourself on the Internet to begin with? If the right minds decided to stalk you, it wouldn't matter how many encryptions you used; they could still stalk you. The news feed just makes it possible for less talented and lazier stalkers to stalk you. If you don't want certain people to see your contact information or your huge list of favorite bands, you

shouldn't have posted it in the public domain.

Then this week, Facebook announced that you will no longer have to be a college or high school student to be a member, and again, the e-outrage was enormous.

"Oh no! You mean adults and prospective employers will be able to see my profile?" Guess what, buddy? They already can! It's not that hard! Haven't you

Why can't they both just get along?

Philip Becker
Staff Writer

Recently, science and religion have been at each other's throats. I wonder when these friends became enemies. In the thousands of years of civilization, it wasn't until recently that our artists, philosophers, and scientists became different people. The notion that divinity created a world that is consistent, rational, and understandable has perpetuated in all three of those fields, resulting with those fields pleasantly going hand in hand with each other.

The latest front of this recent conflict has been the "Evolution versus the Bible" battle. It seems to me that the fight is over nothing. But wait! Aren't they contradicting beliefs? That's what the propaganda wants you to think.

"Science" starts with the Big Bang Theory to say that all matter exploded and formed the universe as we see it today. The Bible starts with saying God was there, and then he formed the universe as we see it today. "Science" uses evolutionary theory to say that life started with something simple and over time through a series of changes it became more complex and people are here now. The Bible says that over a period of time, God first created fish, then land animals, and people are here now.

The Bible does say that God

used the dust of the earth to create Man, and that image of divine hands molding the earth like clay to form the body of a man is the popularized image we have from that passage. However, most people don't realize the creation passage in Genesis could be Hebrew poetry, and in poetry sometimes figurative language is used.

Science has shown that everything on earth is made of the same basic elements and when people die they decompose into what is essentially dirt. It would really not be a stretch to say that the Bible is saying that God used the same substance to make the earth as God used to make people, and the Bible clearly says that after our bodies die they will return to dust.

Even though the Bible and science are often painted to be arch enemies in our culture, upon any examination it's easy to realize that science and religion are talking about two different things. After science explains our origin via change over time, it proceeds to describe how the world works,

with gravitational theories, ideal gas laws, and the like. After the Bible explains our origin via God's design, it proceeds to describe why the world works.

Knowing how the world works isn't a bad thing, it just doesn't have any bearing on why the world

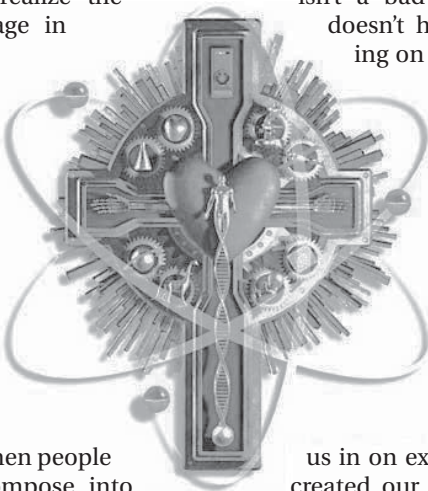
works. This is why religion is important; it speaks to the basic desire in humanity to know "why?"

So while the Bible may not fill

us in on exactly how God created our world, it does say God did it because God is a creator. The Bible does say that there is evil in the world because God wants you to choose to love him back. The Bible does say that even though we've blown our chance to be in a relationship with God, God loved us so much that He came to earth in flesh, called Jesus, to live the perfect life we could have and Jesus died the punishing death we should have. The Bible does say that those who accept this gift from God will be with Him when He rebuilds the world to restore perfection and separates from Himself all that is imperfect and broken.

The Bible sums this up in 2 Timothy 1:9-10: "It is God who saved us and chose us to live a holy life. He did this not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan long before the world began—to show his love and kindness to us through Christ Jesus. And now he has made all of this plain to us by the coming of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who broke the power of death and showed us the way to everlasting life through the Good News." The stories in the Bible aren't about how we should believe in magic, but rather that a supernatural creator created all that is natural and why that pertains to us.

(Image courtesy of www.uweb.ucsb.edu)



A turning point for Syria?

Andrew Klusman
Staff Writer

As always in Middle East politics, major events are about as transparent as a sandstorm. On September 12, armed gunmen attacked the US Embassy in Syria, shouting "Allahu akbar" – "God is great" – and attempted to storm into the embassy with automatic weapons and hand grenades. In this attack, the attackers had attempted to throw the grenades over the 15-foot high walls and detonate a truck filled with pipe bombs.

Both of these attempts failed, and no Americans were hurt. In addition to that, the Syrian guards became involved – after being targeted by the attackers – which led to a 15-minute gun battle, leaving four dead and 14 wounded. The main point here is that the Syrians got involved. Surely, the Syrians repelling an attack on the US Embassy must be a good thing, right?

Before we jump to conclusions, let's take a look at the recent history of the United States and Syria. The essential point is that Syria (finally) withdrew military forces from Lebanon, which led to Lebanon holding its first elections free of foreign influence since the end of their 15-year civil war, which was fought from 1976 to 1991. This could possibly show a Syrian commitment to freedom and self-determination.

However, we must also look towards what bad Syria has done. They are categorized as a "rogue nation" for their harboring and support of terrorist cells. True, this embassy attack may show a willingness to change; however, something just does not fit cor-

ever seen *Hackers*? They hacked the Gibson, man!

I just read in Tech. Comm. the other day that over 20% of companies screen prospective job candidates' internet profiles currently. What this says to me is, if you want to see something on Facebook, you can. There will always be sleazebags out there who will do anything to please the man – even something as atrocious as using your precious Facebook friendship you started while drunk at a party to let a hiring manager see what you do on the weekends.

The long and short of it is, when you put something on the Internet, there is no way to guarantee that others won't see it, especially with these social networking sites that are designed to share your personal information with others. If you don't want certain people knowing things about you, then you should choose a better medium than the Internet to express yourself. Don't let yourself be fooled into believing anything different.

rectly in this puzzle. What would drive a terrorist group in Syria to attack the Syrian guard post?

In addition to that, Syrian opposition leader Ali Sadr al-Din al-Baynoui of the banned Muslim Brotherhood spoke from London accusing the Syrian government of orchestrating this attack to win points with Washington.

On the same day as the embassy attack, the Republic of Cyprus stopped a ship full of North Korean weapons that were en route to Syria. These weapons systems were for a mobile air defense system and components of a missile launcher. This was the first time that Cyprus has stopped a weapons shipment en route to Syria.

In addition to that, Syria responded with criticism of the United States, going on to blame the policies in Lebanon and Palestinian territories, in addition to the war in Iraq, as the cause for increasing Islamic militancy.

Taking all of these events together, one must wonder, is Syria trying to reform its image, or simply maintaining the status quo?

According to these facts, it is obvious that Syria is

maintaining the status quo, and the Bush Administration should hold its tongue before it heaps praise on the Syrian government for ending what would have amounted to a poorly orchestrated drive-by on the US Embassy.



www.washingtonpost.com
Aid workers scramble at the U.S. embassy to Syria after it was attacked by gunmen on Tuesday.

Please, enjoy the new sidewalks

Gregory Weir
Humor Editor

I no longer fear for my life.

Well, yeah, there are the bird flu epidemics, the crazed maniacs, and the meteors falling from the sky, but I don't worry anymore about being run over when I'm walking behind Crapo to get from the commuter parking lot to the Union.

They're putting in a sidewalk. I'd like to congratulate all the people involved in making this whole sidewalk thing happen. Someone noticed that cars were

careening down a one-lane road, dodging the smokestack, and barely avoiding knocking down poor, helpless freshmen. And something was done about it.

I do have one concern, though. I've seen all sorts of people strolling on the other side of the road – the *unsafe* side – without even a glance at the sidewalk. Maybe because it's not finished, they don't trust it? Use the sidewalk, folks. That's what it's there for, and I don't want to have to write a news story about what happened when you didn't.

I totally referred to
Hackers up there!
And you can too!

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Missed Opportunities



From the sidelines

Alvin Anassi
Staff Writer

“Luck happens when preparation meets opportunity”
-Anonymous

In our loss to Mount St. Joe last week, two different teams played the Lions. In the first half, we played down to the ability of our opponents. Bad defensive pursuit gave the Lions a quick lead and offensive and special teams mistakes made matters worse. All in all though, that’s the only criticism that can be given to the defense. However you’d care to look at it, the facts are this: the defense would have won the game if they went both ways.

You see, great defenses all have one thing in common: passion. Our defense is no exception. Pitching a shutout is hard at any level, but when asked, our defense stepped up and answered the call by not allowing the Lion offense any points in the second half.

As far as the two teams are concerned, in the first half we played as though St. Joe was some Goliath and we had no stone to slay them with. Offensively we lacked execution and presence of mind and it showed. We also put our defense in terrible situations. Looking back on the game, we were responsible for one touchdown and special teams was responsible for the other. Twice, our defense was asked to defend a short field and twice they bent back. Their unfortunate situation allowed the Lions to score.

The second half was something to be remembered. Defense started the second half

and got the ball rolling with a turnover. Offensively, we finally gave the defense a rest and stayed on the field advancing the ball. We didn’t score on our first try, but we were determined to get our points and put the defense at ease. And true to their word, the defense kept giving us the ball back. On our second series in the third quarter, we finally scored.

The defense kept the game exciting by sacking the Lions quarterback a number of times and causing losses of yardage on many plays. No matter how hard St. Joe wanted to score, the defense wouldn’t allow it. Offensively we were clicking. Plays were coming together and we were moving the ball efficiently. Our unfortunate situation was caused by the deficit we allowed in the first half. If you dig deep enough, no matter how hard you try or how bad you want it, you’ll never get out. If you ask any of the intrepid fans that stayed until the final second ticked off the clock, they’d tell you that with only a few more minutes, we may have been able to throw our stone.

Our missed opportunity was gaining a win over Mount St. Joe that would have put us in the driver seat for a conference championship. Our only hope now is for them to be knocked off the top and win out the rest of the season.

Finally, I want you all to know that the biggest part of Rose-Hulman football is not the practice or the ability to perform, but the fact that so many of you come to watch and cheer us on. Our most valuable player will always be our Twelfth Man. With your support off the field and in the stadium, we will achieve great things this year. We play Concordia University Saturday; come watch as we take ‘em down.

Engineers sports update

Bob Prescott
Staff Writer

Last weekend opened up conference play for a few sports. Some came out on top and some not quite as much.

Football

Rose-Hulman squared off against the HCAC returning champions, Mount St. Joseph, Saturday night at Cook Stadium. The Engineers battled hard before falling 20-9 to the nationally ranked Lions.

Senior quarterback Cameron Hummel returned to health and finished 14-27 and 150 yards with a 25 yard touchdown pass to junior receiver Jared Moore. Senior Mike Alto led the Rose-Hulman defense with nine solo tackles with 3.5 tackles for a loss, while seniors Drew Lopshire and Tim Wilson added 10 stops a piece.

The Engineers (1-1, 0-1 HCAC) cap their three week homestand with a non-conference game against Concordia University Chicago (1-1) on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Rose is 2-0 against the Cougars in their previous two meetings.

Men’s Soccer

The men’s soccer team earned victories 3-2 over Wabash and 2-1 over Earlham before dropping their first loss of the season to Wittenberg 3-2. The Engineers remain on top of the Heartland Conference at 3-1-1.

Senior Eric Hoiland scored first against Earlham for the Engineers early in the second half to give Rose a 1-0 lead. Earlham responded with a goal with sixteen minutes left, but senior David McIlwaine scored with 1:18 left in the game to give the Engineers the victory.

Against Wittenberg, the Engineers had a 2-1 lead going in halftime thanks to goals by seniors Chris Banner and Matt

Trowbridge, but the Tigers came back with a pair of late second half goals for Rose’s first lass of the season.

For his weekend efforts over Wabash and Earlham, McIlwaine was selected by the conference as the HCAC Men’s Soccer Player of the Week.

The Rose-Hulman men’s soccer team opens up conference play on Saturday hosting Defiance College (1-3) at 2 p.m. at Jim Rendel Field before traveling to Millikin University (1-2-1) for their first road game on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Women’s Soccer

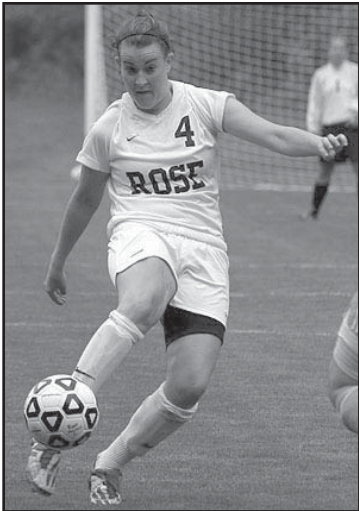
In women’s soccer, Rose-Hulman split a pair of matches with a 2-1 win on Saturday against Earlham College and their first loss of the season to Wittenberg 2-0. The Engineers stand second to Transylvania (4-0) with non-conference records with a 3-1 mark.

The women’s soccer team plays host to conference foe Defiance College (1-1-1) in first ever HCAC match on Saturday at noon at Jim Rendel Field before traveling to Millikin University (0-3) on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Women’s Tennis

The Rose-Hulman women’s tennis team improved to 4-1 on the season and 3-1 in conference play with a 6-3 win over Bluffton (1-4, 1-3 HCAC) and a 7-2 victory over Defiance (2-3, 1-3 HCAC) on Saturday. Freshman Sam Danesis led the way with a pair of 6-0, 6-0 wins at the No. 1 singles position.

Danesis improved to 5-0 in singles play at the No. 1 spot and was nominated for HCAC Women’s Tennis Player of the Week.



Rose Hulman News
Meggy McGaffigan scores the game-winning goal late against Earlham.

The Engineers (4-1, 3-1 HCAC) travel to Mount St. Joseph (0-5, 0-4 HCAC) for matches against Transylvania (1-3, 1-3 HCAC) and the host squad on Saturday at noon and then head to the Franklin Invitational on Sunday at 9 a.m.

Volleyball

The Engineer volleyball team picked up its first victory of the season with a five-game win over Wilmington

to highlight the Rose-Hulman Invitational at 1-3. The Wilmington win featured a crowd of nearly 400 students on a vocal Friday night at the Hulbert Arena in the 30-20, 31-33, 31-20, 28-30, 15-6 victory.

The volleyball team (1-7) returns to action at the DePauw Invitational on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Women’s Golf

The Rose-Hulman women’s golf team will begin their season with a trip to the Hanover Invitational on Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at noon.

Cross Country

After a week off, the men’s and women’s cross country teams return to action at the Indiana Intercollegiate Meet at Bird-Gibson Course, in Terre Haute on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Englehart breaks down Engineer’s loss

Bill Waite
Entertainment Editor

Lunchtime Monday, Rose-Hulman head football coach Steve Englehart met with students and staff in Chauncey’s to discuss Saturday’s 20-9 loss to defending HCAC champion College of Mount St. Joseph. Englehart showed film from the game and talked about his game plan, half-time adjustments, player performances and more. The meeting was part of a weekly Quarterback Club series sponsored by the SRC.

Englehart began by discussing Rose-Hulman’s problems in the first half, when Mount St. Joseph pulled out to a 20-0 lead. The Rose-Hulman offensive line was unprepared for a strong pass rush led by All-American defensive end Matt Lawless and linebacker B.J. Adams, and quarterback Cameron Hummel was held to just 16 yards passing in the first half. “The game plan was, if we got into a third and long situation, to protect with both the backside tight end and a running back because I knew they were blitzing, and we would get deeper on the

routes,” said Englehart, “And we were in some third and long situations, and they did blitz, and it should’ve all been picked up, but we just didn’t execute.”

Englehart adjusted his passing strategy for the second half. “If we got into a third and medium situation, I was going to send five out on the pass pattern, only protect with five, and just throw it wherever they blitzed from,” said Englehart. “At halftime, basically what I said was, ‘OK, everything’s out except that third and medium package. That’s what we’re going to do the rest of the game.’” With this strategy, Hummel was able to pass for 134 yards in the second half, Rose was able to outscore Mount St. Joseph 9-0 in the half.

Despite Mount St. Joseph’s 20-point first half, Englehart didn’t need to make many changes on defense. Throughout the game, Mount St. Joseph had only one drive longer than 30 yards, but a blocked punt and a fumble set up Mount St. Joseph touchdown drives of 26 yards and 12 yards respectively. “The defense played outstanding. They really get to the ball, and besides that one

long run that the All-American running back [Mike Lovell] had there, we were pretty solid on defense,” said Englehart.

The running game also picked up in the second half thanks to the Fightin’ Engineer offensive line. “These guys here were really slanting across our face, and we just weren’t getting out of our stance, and they were in the backfield almost every single play,” said Englehart, showing film of a busted first-half run play. Rose-Hulman rushed 18 times for 6 yards in the first half and 13 times for 53 yards in the second. “Our offensive line came out a lot more fired up in the second half. I think that they started having fun and quit worrying about how good the defensive line was and they just wanted to get after it.”

Though Rose-Hulman lost Saturday’s game, Englehart had a positive outlook. “You come away from this knowing that you competed with the number 1 team in the conference,” he said. “This is a team that lost one regular-season game in two years, so we gotta take care of our business and I think we can win out.”

Sports Briefs

by Mike Ferguson

Liriano Out for Season

Minnesota Twins’ pitching sensation Francisco Liriano exited his start on Wednesday afternoon after injuring his elbow for the second time this season. He pitched two-plus scoreless innings before he heard a pop and had to leave the game. Liriano had an MRI on his elbow Thursday which revealed no structural damage. The Twins remain optimistic for Liriano’s return for the 2007 season.

Punter accused of stabbing rival’s leg

The backup punter for the University of Northern Colorado’s football team has been accused of stabbing his rival in the kicking leg. The starting punter, Rafael Mendoza, was treated and released from a Greeley, Colorado hospital but will miss the game this weekend against Texas State.

U.S. Women Keep Rolling in World play

The United States Women’s Basketball team topped off a perfect opening round with a 90-80 win over Russia in the FIBA World Championships. Tina Thompson led the U.S. with 19 points in the victory. The United States are seeking their third consecutive world championship title.

Diamondbacks, Gonzales to part ways

The Arizona Diamondbacks have reportedly told left fielder Luis Gonzales that they will not re-sign him for the 2007 season. Gonzales has expressed his desire to stay in Arizona, but recognizes that the decision is not in his hands. Gonzales is batting .277 this year with 15 homeruns and 71 RBI’s.

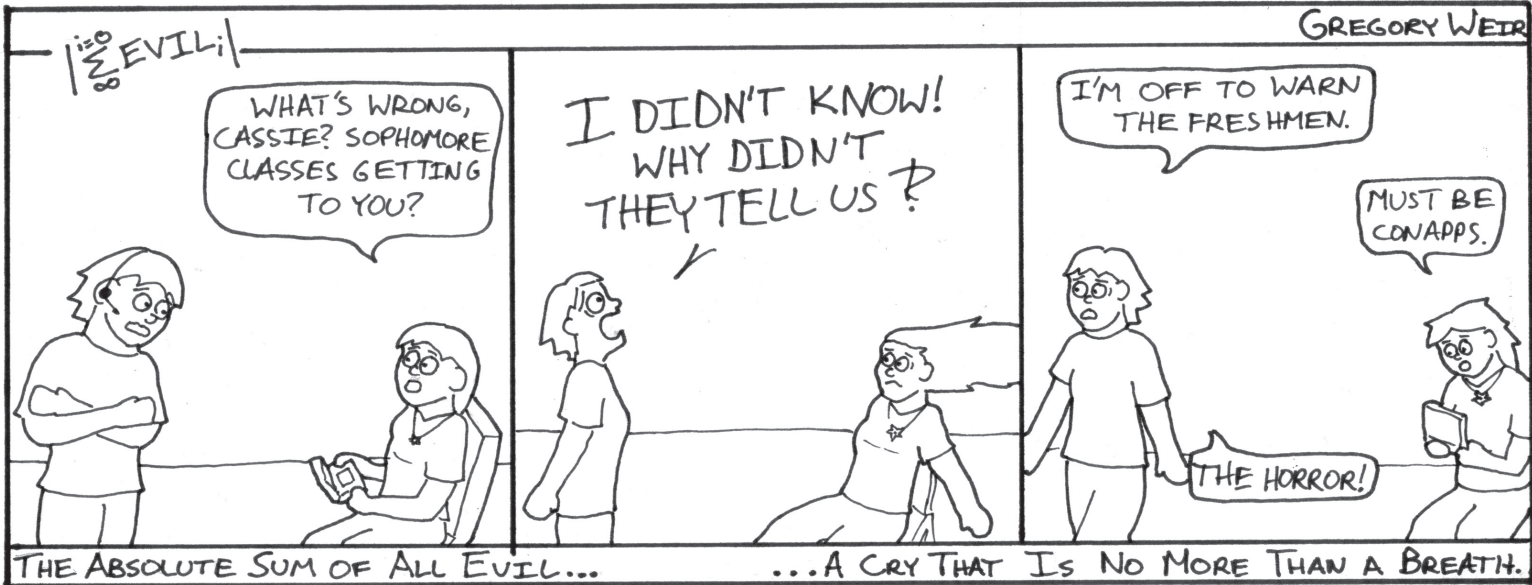
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This Day in History

In 1890, Agatha Christie is born. The delivery is performed in a locked room with no windows. The cause of birth is discovered to be poison... and the murderer is *someone in this room.*

In Addition

It's so smooth and white and thin. The texture... the texture is exquisite. I thrill at the sound it makes, a quiet rustling under my fingers. Oh, to be one with its perfection... did the tree know it would end up so sublime?

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James Zhou
Staff Writer

Automatic weapons can be had for the low low fine of \$6000

Indiana State officials nudge, wink, and gesture towards the army surplus gun rack.

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Journalist held hostage by fundamentalists

"Help, they... they strapped me to a chair and....they made me... write satire," the unknown journalist pleaded in a recently released video.

Page Ahhh!

Flipside cleared of plagiarism

Accuser found to have plagiarized the accusation.

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"Black ink or blood."

-- Prof. Livesay, on acceptable writing media

"The guy from Yale who died. That narrows it down. 'The guy who died.'"

-- Prof. Minster, being specific

"I'm trying to program my children but it isn't working very well."

-- Prof. Mellor, with all ethical constraints removed

"Fortunately, I'm not a reptile and I can see things that are stationary."

-- Prof. Livesay, who is very capable

"I mean, I can get to eleventeen, but after that I come up with any more."

-- Prof. Stienstra, on imaginary numbers

"If you're in the witness protection program, you probably shouldn't be on Facebook."

-- Prof. House, with sound advice

"If it's depressing, it's French."

-- Prof. Wollowski, on music identification

"For Romantics, you must find in matter how matter projects the nature of nature's naturing."

-- Prof. Minster, being profound

"Does it make sense to have two Dakotas? No, there are three people there and a lot of sheep."

-- Prof. Casey, showing love for the Great Plains

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On sleep and squirrels

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I thought I'd be living the high life this quarter, taking only one class related to my major. That's right: I'm one class shy of the all-humanities quarter. People keep telling me that I can't major in the humanities, but somebody's got to be first, right?

However, I've managed to not sleep anyway. When I'm not doing homework, my girlfriend keeps me up on the phone whining about *her* homework. Each class has become an epic battle to keep my eyelids above the halfway point.

It's bad news when they are below that, because then you have to lean your head *way* back to be able to see the professor. That little maneuver only calls more attention to the struggle.

One day this week, too tired to make it to class, I stopped at one of those benches that line the sidewalks. I was only going to rest my eyes for a few seconds. "You look tired," said a voice. It was a beautiful voice. A voice like that of Sean Connery.

"Yeah, been burning my candle at both ends," I told this stranger.

"Good thing they make candles with three ends on them," said the stranger.

Now I know Sean Connery is a bit smarter than that, so I said, "You're nuts, man." I slid my eyelids up to the halfway point to get a blurry glimpse of this three-ended-candle-loving genius impersonator of the one true Bond, only to find a squirrel leaping onto me!

"What about my nuts, man? What about them? Winter is coming and I have family to support! A little baby squirrel at home, you hear me? What did you do to my nuts?" he yelled at me in the voice of Sean Connery as he yanked on my eyelids. Then he kicked me in my face, and I thought it had knocked me out.

Then my friend was shaking me awake as I lay on the ground. "Whoa. I think I've started hallucinating," I said.

"I don't see why you'd need to hallucinate when you just got drop kicked in the face by a squirrel," he replied. At that point I was disappointed that I wasn't hallucinating, because I was *really* hoping Rod Serling would step out and spoon feed us all a conclusion.

Bag O'Leaves for Senate

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Although this is not a presidential election year, it is still vitally important that you, as citizens of United States, to vote in the upcoming senatorial election. I myself do not vote, being far too lazy to drive a mile into town and cast my ballot, but you should, as all our futures depend on your actions this coming November. Or October, I forget.

Anyway, many of you will not know who to vote for. "I have not heard of any of these candidates," you may protest, "Who are they? What do they stand for? Do they smell good?" These are all good questions which I am not going to answer. Instead, I will tell you why you should re-elect Bag O'Leaves for a senate seat.

Mr. O'Leaves is an excellent senatorial candidate because un-

like his dirty opponent, Mr. Dirt Pile, he does not engage in mud slinging. I am not similarly inhibited and would gladly point out that Mr. Pile has engaged in many scandals, both corporate and incestuous. While Mr. Pile attempts to cover up what we dug up about him, Mr O'Leaves is above it all, hard at work networking in our government, bringing us vitally needed resources from the federal government.

His office regularly responds to our complaints with courtesy and results. Why, just this summer, he provided shelter for me against the harsh glare of the IRS and warded off the stinging drops in my farm subsidies. All in all, Mr. O'Leaves is just and honorable, of a good family and genus, and an all around great Senator. And most important of all, he does smell good.

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An expert speaks on pranking techniques

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Another year has begun, and with it has come pranking. This year, however, there's been a large number of pranks. Ridiculously large. But I won't question professors about how much homework they've been giving. Pranking is one of the most enjoyable activities at college (except for the *illegal* ones), and it promotes teamwork, ingenuity, and thoughtful planning. In other words, it's perfect for engineers!

However, it can have some pretty nasty results. Before someone has to tell an RA why all his stuff is on Ebay, I've decided to help.

First, take credit for your pranks. For example, stealing Speed's rope light sign: cool. Never showing it in public: kinda stupid. It's the equivalent of robbing a bank and throwing the money away. If I had that sign, it would be on Deming's roof, rearranged to spell "Deming" for all of Speed to see. Let everyone know who to target next. If you don't want people to know, don't do it.

Choose the right people before you unload 100 pounds of marshmallows.

Second, if you make a mess, clean it up! Dropping three feet of paper into the lobby of BSB was a pretty good prank, and coming back to clean it up was even better. Upsetting RAs can really limit your pranking, so make sure you clean up when you're done.

Next, don't do anything irreversible. Sure, painting "Triplets Rock" on the Union patio would be cool, but due to the bill, I'd say no. This includes dangerous pranks. As one wise RA would say, "That's liability, and liability is bad."

Also, choose your targets wisely. Tag-bombing a room: kinda funny. Tag-bombing the room of an asthmatic who begins to suffocate: not really funny.

Top ten things I've had enough of

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10. These ~~myriad~~ ants in my ~~underwear~~ pants
9. These ~~colorful~~ lightsabers in ~~primary~~ red, blue, and green
8. These ~~handsome~~ clowns in my ridiculously tiny car
7. These ~~educational~~ classes on my ~~supposed~~ schedule
6. These ~~gigantic~~ giant squids on my ~~unlabeled~~ go-kart
5. This ~~virulent~~ anthrax in my ~~incoming~~ mail
4. These ~~irrelevant~~ Hertz references on my ~~journalistic~~ Flipside
3. This one-month overdue baby in my ~~maternal~~ womb
2. These ~~creaky~~ creepy people on my ~~cybernetic~~ Internet
1. This ~~miniscule~~ Pluto on my ~~automatic~~ list of planets